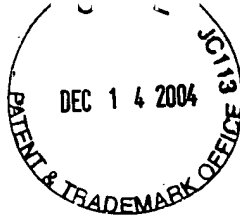


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed 20 September 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION - none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS - none.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 12.